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SUBJ: OBASANJO'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

1. IN UNREMARKABLE NEW YEAR'S BROADCAST, HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO DECLARED NIGERIA'S MAJOR PREOCCUPATIONS ARE "STABILITY OF THE COUNTRY AND THE MECHANICS OF RAISING AND IMPROVING" EVERY NIGERIAN'S STANDARD OF LIVING. HE DESCRIBED NIGERIANS' "ENTERPRISE AND ENTHUSIASMS... FOR PARTICIPATING IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY" AS "SOURCE OF PRIDE TO ALL OF US," BUT WARNED AGAINST BUILDING A NATION "IN WHICH A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE EXCLUSIVELY OWN AND CONTROL THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION TO THE PERPETUAL DETRIMENT OF THE MAJORITY." HE CALLED ON NIGERIANS TO JOIN IN WAGING WAR AGAINST INFLATION AND HOARDERS, AND TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION OF IMPORTED LUXURIES.

2. OBASANJO COMMENDED FMG'S POLITICAL PROGRAM AS "A SOLID FOUNDATION UPON WHICH THE DESIRED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE CAN BE BUILT," AND REAFFIRMED FMG'S "COMMITMENT TO THE TRANSFER OF POLITICAL POWER TO ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES REMAINS UNSHAKEN." HE CALLED RESULTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS "ENCOURAGING." (LAGOS 14443).

3. ON INTERNAL SECURITY, OBASANJO WARNED THAT "THERE ARE ENEMIES OF SOCIETY WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OUR GATES WHO WILL

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DO ANYTHING TO HALT OUR POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. THEY APPEAR IN DIFFERENT GUISES. WE MUST WATCH OUT FOR THEM. WE MUST BE VIGILANT."

4. OBASANJO CONCLUDED BY APPEALING TO NIGERIANS TO BE GOOD HOSTS DURING FESTAC AND "MAKE THE FESTIVAL A GREAT SUCCESS AND A PRIDE TO THE BLACK RACE."

5. FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED TO AF/W.

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